THIRD INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON TAMIL EPIGRAPHY  
18 to 29 September 2006, Paris

We are pleased to announce our third international workshop on Tamil Epigraphy. The two-week workshop (18 to 29 September 2006) will explore the techniques of reading and interpretation of Tamil inscriptions. This workshop is intended for students and researchers who have little or no previous experience with the discipline.

Course coordinator: Appasamy MURUGAIYAN (EPHE-SHP)
Lectures will be given by different scholars working in Paris and in other countries

AGENDA:
Classes will be held from Monday till Friday, morning 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (Lunch break) afternoon 14.00 to 16.30 p.m.

The first week (18 to 22 September) will give an introduction to reading Tamil epigraphy, introduction to Grantha writing system and the evolution of scripts in Tamil, Tamil and Dravidian historical linguistics. The classes will be held from 9h30 till 12h30 and we will arrange special lectures in the afternoon.

The second week (25 to 29 September) is compulsory and will be concentrating on reading and interpretation of selected inscriptions from Chola, Pallava and Pandya dynasties (7th to 16th centuries). Importance of inscriptions as source materials will be highlighted. Emphasis will be given to religious, historical and social issues that are raised in the various types of inscriptions. On the basis of different types of texts light will be shed upon the linguistic features of each one illustrating the corresponding morphological and syntactical characteristics. The affinity of inscriptional language with the Modern Tamil language will be considered. Some attention will be given to the philological study of the personal names.

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REGISTRATION:
Since this course is part of the regular seminars, no fee is required but registration is necessary. The participants are requested to find financial assistance from their institution and have to arrange their own travel to Paris and accommodations.
Deadline for registration is 1 September 2006. Send your registration and enquiries directly to A.Murugaiyan@wanadoo.fr